

§ 217a. Validity of passport; limitation of time

A passport shall be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issue, except that the Secretary of State may limit the validity of a passport to a period of less than ten years in an individual case or on a general basis pursuant to regulation.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 772, § 2, 44 Stat. 887; July 1, 1930, ch. 782, 46 Stat. 839; May 16, 1932, ch. 187, 47 Stat. 157; Pub. L. 86-267, Sept. 14, 1959, 73 Stat. 552; Pub. L. 90-428, § 1, July 26, 1968, 82 Stat. 446; Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 116(b)(1), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 279.)

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-241 substituted provision that a passport be valid for a period of ten years from issuance and that the Secretary of State could limit the period to less than ten years in an individual case or on a general basis by regulation for provision that a passport be limited to a period of not more than five years, that the Secretary of State could limit the passport to a shorter period, and that a valid passport outstanding as of the effective date of Pub. L. 90-428 be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue, except where such passport was limited to a shorter period by the Secretary.

1968—Pub. L. 90-428 substituted provisions that passport be limited to a period of not more than five years, though the Secretary of State may limit it to a shorter period and provisions as to the length of validity of passports outstanding as of the effective date of Pub. L. 90-428 for provisions that a passport or passport visa be limited to a period of three years, that a passport be renewed pursuant to regulations of the Secretary for a period not to exceed two years, provided that the final date of expiration not be more than five years from the original date of issue, that the Secretary be authorized to limit the validity of a passport, passport visa, or period of renewal of a passport to less than two years, and that the charge for the issue of an original passport be \$9.00 and the charge for the renewal be \$5.00.

1959—Pub. L. 86-267 substituted “three years” for “two years”, and “five years” for “four years”.

1932—Act May 16, 1932, among other changes, increased payment for renewals from \$2 to \$5, for issue of original passport from \$5 to \$9, and restored final expiration date of renewal passport to four years from six-year period.

1930—Act July 1, 1930, among other changes, provided for \$2 payment for renewal of passport, \$5 payment for issue of an original passport, and changed from four to six years the final expiration date of renewal passport.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Section 116(b)(2) of Pub. L. 97-241 provided that: “The amendment made by this subsection [amending this section] applies with respect to passports issued after the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 24, 1982].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Section 4 of Pub. L. 90-428 provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 213 and 214 of this title] shall take effect on the thirtieth day following the date of its enactment [July 26, 1968].”

§ 218. Returns as to passports issued, etc.

All persons who shall be authorized to grant, issue, or verify passports, shall make return of the same to the Secretary of State, in such manner and as often as he shall require; and such returns shall specify the names and all other particulars of the persons to whom the same shall be granted, issued, or verified, as embraced in such passport.

(R.S. § 4077.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 4077 derived from act May 30, 1866, ch. 102, 14 Stat. 54.

§§ 219 to 222. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

Section 219, R.S. § 4078; act June 14, 1902, ch. 1088, § 3, 32 Stat. 386, related to issuance of false passports. See section 1541 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section 220, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title IX, § 2, 40 Stat. 227; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 7, 54 Stat. 80, related to false statements in application for passports. See section 1542 of Title 18.

Section 221, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title IX, § 3, 40 Stat. 227; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 7, 54 Stat. 80, related to unlawful use of passports. See section 1544 of Title 18.

Section 222, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title IX, § 4, 40 Stat. 227; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 7, 54 Stat. 80, related to forging or altering of passports. See section 1543 of Title 18.

§§ 223 to 229. Repealed. June 27, 1952, ch. 477, title IV, § 403(a)(15), (20), (43), 66 Stat. 279, 280

Section 223, acts May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 1, 40 Stat. 559; June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 1, 55 Stat. 252, related to wartime restrictions generally. See section 1185 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

Section 224, act May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 2, 40 Stat. 559, related to requirement of passport for citizens during wartime restrictions. See section 1185 of Title 8.

Section 225, acts May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 3, 40 Stat. 559; June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 2, 55 Stat. 253, related to penalty for violation of wartime restrictions. See section 1185 of Title 8.

Section 226, acts May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 4, 40 Stat. 559; June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 2a, 55 Stat. 253, related to definition of “United States” and “person” as used in wartime restriction. See section 1185 of Title 8.

Section 226a, act May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 5, as added June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 3, 55 Stat. 253, related to permit as guarantee of admission to the United States. See section 1185 of Title 8.

Section 226b, act May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 6, as added June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 3, 55 Stat. 253, related to proclamation, rule, etc., as bar to prosecution. See section 1185 of Title 8.

Section 227, act Mar. 2, 1921, ch. 113, § 1, 41 Stat. 1217, related to continuation of regulations as to alien passport requirements.

Sections 228 and 229, act June 20, 1941, ch. 209, §§ 1, 2, 55 Stat. 252, related to refusal of visés to aliens whose admission might endanger the public safety, and to rules and regulations governing this refusal. See section 1102 of Title 8.

TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

Section 1 of Joint Res. Mar. 31, 1953, ch. 13, 67 Stat. 18, provided for the extension of certain emergency provisions (previously extended to April 1, 1953 by Joint Res. July 3, 1952, ch. 570, § 1(b), 66 Stat. 333) until July 1, 1953. Section 2 of Joint Res. Mar. 31, 1953, provided that the extension did not apply to the provisions of sections 223 to 226b of this title.

CHAPTER 5—PRESERVATION OF FRIENDLY FOREIGN RELATIONS GENERALLY**§§ 231, 232. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948**

Section 231, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VIII, § 1, 40 Stat. 226; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 6, 54 Stat. 80, related to false statements to influence conduct of foreign governments toward the United States. See section 954 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section 232, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VIII, § 2, 40 Stat. 226; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 6, 54 Stat. 80, related to wrongful assumption of character of diplomatic or consular officer. See section 915 of Title 18.

§§ 233 to 233g. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section 233, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VIII, § 3, 40 Stat. 226, as amended, which related to acting as a foreign agent without notice to Secretary of State, was transferred to section 601 of this title and was subsequently repealed by act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862. See section 951 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section 233a, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, § 1, 52 Stat. 631, as amended, which related to defining, various terms included in provisions relating to foreign agents and propaganda, was transferred to section 611 of this title.

Section 233b, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, § 2, 52 Stat. 632, as amended, which related to registration statements, was transferred to section 612 of this title.

Section 233c, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, § 3, 52 Stat. 632, as amended, which related to exemptions, was transferred to section 613 of this title.

Section 233d, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, § 4, 52 Stat. 632, as amended, which related to filing and labeling political propaganda, was transferred to section 614 of this title.

Section 233e, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, § 5, 52 Stat. 633, as amended, which related to books and records, was transferred to section 615 of this title.

Section 233f, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, § 6, 52 Stat. 633, as amended, which related to public examination of official records, was transferred to section 616 of this title.

Section 233g, act June 8, 1938, ch. 327, §§ 12, 13, as added Apr. 29, 1942, ch. 263, § 1, 56 Stat. 258, which related to separability of provisions and effect on existing law, was transferred and set out as a note under section 611 of this title.

§§ 234, 235. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

Section 234, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VIII, § 5, 40 Stat. 226, related to conspiracy to injure property of foreign government. See section 956 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section 235, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VIII, § 4, 40 Stat. 226, related to definition of "Foreign government". See section 11 of Title 18.

§§ 236 to 245. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section 236, act Jan. 31, 1922, ch. 44, § 1, 42 Stat. 361, which related to prohibition against exportation of arms to American countries or countries under American jurisdiction in a state of domestic violence, was transferred to section 409 of this title and was repealed by act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862.

Section 237, act Jan. 31, 1922, ch. 44, § 2, 42 Stat. 361, which related to penalties, was transferred to section 410 of this title and was repealed by act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862.

Section 238, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 1, 40 Stat. 223, as amended, which related to illegal exportation of war materials, was transferred to section 401 of this title.

Section 239, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 2, 40 Stat. 224, which related to issuance of warrant for detention of seized property, was transferred to section 402 of this title and was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 434, § 2, 67 Stat. 577.

Section 240, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 3, 40 Stat. 224, which related to filing petition for restoration of seized property, was transferred to section 403 of this title and was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 434, § 2, 67 Stat. 577.

Section 241, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 4, 40 Stat. 224, as amended, which related to institution of libel proceedings and sale of seized property, was transferred to section 404 of this title and was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 434, § 2, 67 Stat. 577.

Section 242, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 5, 40 Stat. 224, which related to method of trial and bond for redelivery, was transferred to section 405 of this title and was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 434, § 2, 67 Stat. 577.

Section 243, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 6, 40 Stat. 225, which related to interference with foreign trade, was transferred to section 406 of this title.

Section 244, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 7, 40 Stat. 225, which related to the President's discretion to release seized property, was transferred to section 407 of this title and was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 434, § 2, 67 Stat. 577.

Section 245, act June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title VI, § 8, 40 Stat. 225, which related to use of land and naval forces to prevent exportation, was transferred to section 408 of this title.

§§ 245a to 245i. Repealed. Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 19, 54 Stat. 12

Sections 245a to 245i, Joint Res. Aug. 31, 1935, ch. 837, 49 Stat. 1081; acts Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 106, 49 Stat. 1153; May 1, 1937, ch. 146, 50 Stat. 121, constituted the Neutrality Act of 1935. See the Neutrality Act of 1939, sections 441, 444, 445, 447 to 451, and 453 to 457 of this title.

§§ 245j to 245j-19. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section 245j, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 1, 54 Stat. 4, which related to a proclamation of a state of war between foreign states, was transferred to section 441 of this title.

Section 245j-1, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 2, 54 Stat. 4, which related to commerce with states engaged in armed conflict, was transferred to section 442 of this title and was repealed by Joint Res. Nov. 17, 1941, ch. 473, § 1, 55 Stat. 764.

Section 245j-2, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 3, 54 Stat. 7, which related to combat areas, was transferred to section 443 of this title and was repealed by Joint Res. Nov. 17, 1941, ch. 473, § 1, 55 Stat. 764.

Section 245j-3, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 4, 54 Stat. 7, as amended, which related to American Red Cross vessels, was transferred to section 444 of this title.

Section 245j-4, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 5, 54 Stat. 7, which related to travel on vessels of belligerent states, was transferred to section 445 of this title.

Section 245j-5, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 6, 54 Stat. 7, which related to the arming of American merchant vessels, was transferred to section 446 of this title and was repealed by Joint Res. Nov. 17, 1941, ch. 473, § 2, 55 Stat. 764.

Section 245j-6, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 7, 54 Stat. 7, as amended, which related to financial transactions, was transferred to section 447 of this title.

Section 245j-7, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 8, 54 Stat. 8, which related to solicitation and collection of funds and contributions, was transferred to section 448 of this title.

Section 245j-8, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 9, 54 Stat. 8, which related to American republics, was transferred to section 449 of this title.

Section 245j-9, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 10, 54 Stat. 9, which related to restrictions on use of American ports, was transferred to section 450 of this title.

Section 245j-10, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 11, 54 Stat. 9, which related to submarines and armed merchant vessels, was transferred to section 451 of this title.

Section 245j-11, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 12, 54 Stat. 10, which related to National Munitions Control Board, was transferred to section 452 of this title and

was repealed by act Aug. 26, 1954, ch. 937, title V, § 542(a)(12), 68 Stat. 861.

Section 245j–12, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 13, 54 Stat. 11, which related to regulations, was transferred to section 453 of this title.

Section 245j–13, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 14, 54 Stat. 11, which related to unlawful use of the American flag, was transferred to section 454 of this title.

Section 245j–14, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 15, 54 Stat. 11, which related to penalties, was transferred to section 455 of this title.

Section 245j–15, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 16, 54 Stat. 12, as amended, which defined terms used in neutrality provisions, was transferred to section 456 of this title.

Section 245j–16, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 17, 54 Stat. 12, which related to separability of provisions, was transferred to a note set out under section 441 of this title.

Section 245j–17, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 18, 54 Stat. 12, which related to appropriations, was transferred to section 457 of this title.

Section 245j–18, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 19, 54 Stat. 12, which related to repeal of earlier Joint Resolutions, was transferred and set out as a note under section 441 of this title.

Section 245j–19, Joint Res. Nov. 4, 1939, ch. 2, § 20, 54 Stat. 12, which related to short title of this resolution, was transferred and set out as a note under section 441 of this title.

§ 246. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

Section, act July 8, 1918, ch. 138, 40 Stat. 821, related to wearing of foreign nation's uniform without authority. See section 703 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

§ 247. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section, act Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 414, 42 Stat. 1028, which related to foreign traveling salesmen, was transferred to section 503 of this title.

§ 248. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

Section, act June 20, 1936, ch. 635, §§ 1, 2, 49 Stat. 1557, related to prohibition against commercial use of arms of Swiss Confederation. See section 708 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

§§ 249 to 250f. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section 249, act Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 616, § 1, 53 Stat. 1290, which related to utilization of services of government agencies to promote inter-American relations, was transferred to section 501 of this title.

Section 249a, act Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 616, § 2, 53 Stat. 1290, which related to creation of advisory committees, was transferred to section 502 of this title.

Section 250, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 1, 54 Stat. 396, which related to military and naval assistance to governments of American republics, was transferred to section 521 of this title.

Section 250a, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 2, 54 Stat. 396, which related to transmission of information relating to implements of war, was transferred to section 522 of this title.

Section 250b, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 3, 54 Stat. 397, which related to contract restrictions against disposal of implements of war, was transferred to section 523 of this title.

Section 250c, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 4, 54 Stat. 397, which related to information on shipments to be given chairman of National Munitions Control Board, was transferred to section 524 of this title.

Section 250d, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 5, 54 Stat. 397, which related to appropriations and dispositions of receipts, was transferred to section 525 of this title.

Section 250e, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 6, 54 Stat. 397, which related to protection of patent rights, was transferred to section 526 of this title.

Section 250f, act June 15, 1940, ch. 365, § 7, 54 Stat. 397, which related to purchases of implements of war from American republics, was transferred to section 527 of this title.

CHAPTER 6—FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS

Sec.

251 to 254. Repealed.

254a. Definitions.

254b. Privileges and immunities of mission of non-party to Vienna Convention.

254c. Extension of more favorable or less favorable treatment than provided under Vienna Convention; authority of President.

254c–1. Policy toward certain agents of foreign governments.

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255 to 255b. Repealed or Omitted.

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257. Arrest of seamen; procedure generally.

258. Commitment and discharge.

258a. Enforcement of awards of foreign consuls.

259. Repealed.

§ 251. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

Section, R.S. § 4062, related to violation of safe conduct. See sections 112 and 1545 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

§§ 252 to 254. Repealed. Pub. L. 95–393, § 3(a)(1), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 808

Section 252, R.S. § 4063, related to the immunity of any ambassador or public minister of any foreign prince or State, or any domestic or domestic servant of any such minister against arrest, imprisonment, or seizure of his goods or chattels.

Section 253, R.S. § 4064, related to imprisonment for not more than three years of anyone suing out a writ or process in violation of the provisions of former section 252 of this title, granting diplomatic immunity to certain persons.

Section 254, R.S. §§ 4065, 4066, related to suits against persons in the service of an ambassador or public minister founded upon a debt contracted before entering such service, and registration of the names of persons serving as domestic servants of an ambassador or a public minister with the State Department.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective at end of ninety-day period beginning on Sept. 30, 1978, see section 9 of Pub. L. 95–393, set out as an Effective Date note under section 254a of this title.

INSURANCE COVERAGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO UNITED STATES; REPORTS TO SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT OF SENATE

Pub. L. 95–148, title V, § 510(1), (2), Oct. 31, 1977, 91 Stat. 1240, provided that it was the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of State should prepare and submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate: (1) not later than six months after Oct. 31, 1977, a report on the adequacy of insurance provided by the accredited diplomatic missions to the United States to cover loss or injury arising